

Notice of Allowability

Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Amendment filed June 30, 2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3-36.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The Amendment, filed on June 30, 2005, has been entered and acknowledged by the Examiner.

Cancellation of claim 2 has been entered.

Claims 1 and 3-36 are pending in the instant application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Daniel R. Evans on August 18, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims,

Claim 16, lines 2-3, the recitation "at least 1% and at most 20%" has been replaced with the recitation -- at least 16% and at most 18.2%--.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 and 3-36 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 1, and specifically comprising the limitation of

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glass which consists essentially of, as represented by mass percentage based on the following oxides, from 35 to 55% of PbO, from 15 to 30% of B₂O₃, from 4 to 15% of SiO₂, from 20 to 44% of B₂O₃+SiO₂, from 0.5 to 10% of TiO₂+ZrO₂+La₂O₃+Ta₂O₅, from 1 to 10% of Al₂O₃, from 12-20% of BaO, from 0 to 1% of CuO and from 0 to 1% of CeO₂.

Regarding claims 3-5 and 10-20, claims 3-5 and 10-20 are allowable for the reasons given in claim 1 because of their dependency status from claim 1.

Regarding claims 6, 8 and 9, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claims 6, 8 and 9, and specifically comprising the limitation of the glass consists essentially of, as represented by mass percentage based on the following oxides, from 35 to 55% of PbO, from 15 to 30% of B₂O₃, from 4 to 15% of SiO₂, from 20 to 44% of B₂O₃+SiO₂, from 0.5 to 10% of TiO₂+ZrO₂+La₂O₃+Ta₂O₅, from 0 to 10% of Al₂O₃, from 0-25% of BaO, from 0 to 1% of CuO and from 0 to 1% of CeO₂.

Regarding claim 7, claim 7 is allowable for the reasons given in claim 6 because of its dependency status from claim 6.

Regarding claims 21-28, claims 21-28 are allowable for the reasons given in claim 8 because of their dependency status from claim 8.

Regarding claims 29-36, claims 29-36 are allowable for the reasons given in claim 9 because of their dependency status from claim 9.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mariceli Santiago whose telephone number is (571) 272-2464. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh Patel, can be reached on (571) 272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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